

Dear Politician,

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My name is I live in Tega Cay, SC You may have heard of us, we are the people fighting for clean water in Lake Wylie for drinking and recreation.

U/TCWS has trashed our environment with it's disgusting waste water plants on our golf courses and by dumping more than 500,000 gallons of sewage into Lake Wylie from January 2013 to January 2014.

DHEC has fined them twice: \$22,000 and \$60,000. Sounds great until you realize that they pass those fines onto us, and the money goes to DHEC and York County. Fines for a company as wealthy as U/TCWS is simply a nuisance to them.

We can't sue them in small claims courts, they are protected by law as a private company and as a public utility against consumer suits.

All we can do, is ask you to work for us to rid South Carolina, to rid Tega Cay, of this foul, polluting, law-breaking company. We need your help!

Thank you,
Citizen.....

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FILE, JOHN MARKS - jmarks@fortmilltimes.com
After numerous overflows, including one near this home in 2013, Tega Cay Water Service customers are demanding that recent rate increases be "rescinded and refunded."

Tega Cay Water Service customers demand refund

By JOHN MARKS
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TEGA CAY Tega Cay citizens want their money back.

The six-member Tega Cay Water Citizen Advisory Council petitioned the South Carolina Public Service Commission on Wednesday to have water rate increases in 2010 and 2013 "rescinded and refunded."

"The customers did not get the service they paid for," group leader Linda Stevenson said.

The group submitted petitions as individual customers of Tega Cay Water Service, rather than submitting as a

group, which would necessitate legal representation. The idea is that increases of almost 14 percent in 2010, then 33 percent last year were granted at least in part to pay for maintenance and improvements that either didn't materialize, or didn't go far enough to prevent a series of sewage spills into Lake Wylie.

Members argue that recent wastewater spills show the system is not being adequately maintained or improved. The state Department of Health and Environmental Control on Monday listed a variety of environmental infractions in a consent order

that ordered the company to pay a \$136,000 fine.

Stevenson admits she and other members aren't aware of any precedent for a company paying back approved rate increases. Increases were approved by the Public Service Commission, which called for improvements in its decision to allow rate hikes.

"We have no idea what they're going to do with this," Stevenson said.

The group wants other Tega Cay residents to join the effort and email the commission.

"We need all the citizens to support this," Stevenson said.

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